

FISCAL NOTE

SB 577 - HB 1583

February 20, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the income ceiling for low-income elderly homeowners to receive state funded property tax relief from \$10,550 to \$14,000. Increases the amount subject to reimbursement from the first \$18,000 to the first \$20,000 of the value of a qualifying individual's residence.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$2,400,000

Assumptions:

- In the absence of this bill, the average amount of reimbursement and number of recipients would be equivalent to those receiving reimbursements in 2003.
- In 2003, the average amount of property tax relief was \$111.92 and the total amount paid by the state was \$8,020,299.12.
- In 2003, the number of qualifying claims was 71,661.
- The income ceiling for claims was \$12,710 in 2003.
- There would be 6,593 additional claims and 78,254 total claims resulting from this bill.
- An 11% increase in the base amount for reimbursement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director